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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE
ELECTED AS SCAG'S SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

LOS ANGELES – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announced the election today of Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke as its new Second Vice President.

“I look forward to taking on this important leadership position with SCAG at such a crucial time,” said Supervisor Burke. “Southern California faces a number of critical transportation, air quality, housing and other regional challenges, and I look forward to working with other members of the SCAG Regional Council in developing real long-term solutions.”

In addition to her new responsibilities as Second Vice President, Supervisor Burke is a member of SCAG's Transportation and Communications Committee. She is currently in her fourth term as Supervisor for the Second District, County of Los Angeles. Supervisor Burke was the first African American female elected to the U.S. Congress from California in 1972, and the first female to serve as Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1993. In addition to her service at SCAG, Supervisor Burke is a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, where she has worked to further the development of the Crenshaw Corridor, as well as for a more comprehensive system of light and heavy rail for Los Angeles County. She is also a member of the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission and the Local Agency Formation Commission.